

REMARKS

Claims 1-80 were presented for examination at filing. On June 29, 2004, a Requirement for Restriction was issued, setting out four groups of claims. In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-25), without traverse. Claims 26 – 80 have been canceled.

New claims 81 – 113 are added in the amendments. Claim 81 is linked to claim 1. Claims 82 – 89 are dependent on claim 81. Claim 90 is linked to claim 1. Claims 91 – 98 are dependent on claim 90. Claims 99 – 111 are dependent on claim 1. Claim 112 is link to claim 100, which is dependent on claim 1. Claim 113 is dependent on claim 112.

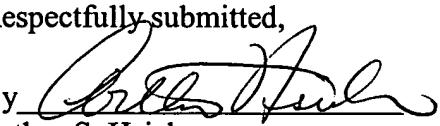
Accordingly, Applicants believe that, in light of the election and amendments presented herein, claims 1 – 25 and claims 81 – 113 are presently under consideration. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants respectfully request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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